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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Original) A method for constructing and installing a modular wall panel

assembly comprising the steps of:

forming a generally rectangular frame comprising rigid channel members

including a lower generally horizontal channel member;

providing a base rail and securing said base rail to said lower channel member in spaced parallel relation thereto;

providing a pair of glide assemblies on opposite ends of said base rail, said glide assemblies each including a generally vertically oriented threaded member threadedly connected to said glide assemblies;

providing a pair of apertures in said lower channel member each aperture overlying and in registry with a threaded member;

placing said frame, base rail and glide assemblies in vertical orientation on a floor;

inserting a rotary tool vertically through said apertures to engage said threaded members; and

rotating said threaded members selectively to thereby level said frame on said floor.

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Claim 2 (Original) The method of claim 1 including the step of attaching decorative panel members to said frame after said frame has been leveled.

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Claim 3 (Original) The method of claim 1 including the step of attaching a base panel member to said lower channel member and base rail to conceal said glide assemblies.

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Claim 4 (Currently Amended and Previously Amended) A modular panel assembly comprising:

a wall frame including a generally horizontal lower member;

a base rail beneath said lower member;

a connector attached to said base rail and to said lower member wherein said frame is supported by said connector above said base rail, said connector including a threaded sleeve positioned between said base rail and said lower member;

an adjustment member for supporting said wall frame and said base rail, said adjustment member having a threaded stem for engaging said threaded sleeve of said connector, and said threaded stem including a tool receiving upper end portion disposed between said base rail and said lower member; and

a tool receiving aperture in said lower member aligned vertically above said tool receiving upper end portion of said threaded stem of said adjustment member.

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Claim 5 (Original) The wall panel assembly of claim 4 including decorative panel members secured to said frame.

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Claim 6 (Previously Amended) The wall panel assembly of claim 4 including a base panel member secured to said lower member of said frame.

C *Claim 7 (Cancelled)*
Same as claim 1
Claim 8 (Previously Added) A method for vertically adjusting a modular wall panel assembly comprising the steps of:

forming a wall frame including a lower generally horizontal member;
providing a base rail;
providing a pair of glide assemblies;
operatively connecting said glide assemblies to said base rail and said lower member of said wall frame, said glide assemblies each including a generally vertically oriented adjustment member;

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providing a pair of apertures in said lower member of said wall frame, each aperture vertically aligned above an adjustment member;

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inserting a rotary tool vertically through said apertures to engage said adjustment members; and

rotating said adjustment members with said rotary tool.
